Department of Political Science

School of Humanities and Social Sciences
Annual Report 2010-2011
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I. Executive Summary

Student Achievement and Faculty Commitment to a Personalized Education

Our students continue to distinguish themselves. The highest academic award that can be bestowed by the College of Charleston, the Bishop Robert Smith Award, went to political science major Sanaz Arjomand, the 10th time in the last 16 years that one of our majors has won the award. Sanaz had plenty of company. Fifty-three students joined the Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society and our majors garnered several other College wide awards. Shalissa Garrett received the Alyson and Grace Jamison Award, Jennifer Testi was named Greek Woman of the Year, Lucas Koncilia received the Pat Kelly Award for Social Activism, and Nicholas Bowman and Nicol Spann received Transfer Student Awards. Political Science major Isaiah Nelson concluded one of the most energetic and successful terms as Student Government Association President in recent memory, forcefully articulating student perspectives during a period of financial constraints.

Our faculty taught 14 “special topics” courses, three of which were first time offerings, supervised 31 independent study projects, 16 year-long Bachelor’s Essays and one SURF Grant research collaboration. In addition, 25 students completed internships for academic credit in a wide array of government and nonprofit agencies and organizations. To further encourage academic excellence and student research, the Department hosted the inaugural William V. Moore Student Research Conference. Conference participants included over 30 students from 6 different majors, as well as several outstanding high school seniors. Over 60 students, faculty, and parents attended the conference luncheon. Conference sessions were filled with supportive parents, interested students, faculty and friends.

Engaging the College and Lowcountry Communities

The Department coordinated three major events focused on our annual theme: Consumption and Survival: The Politics of Everyday Living. Our 10th annual Convocation of Majors featured a visit by researchers and activists Anna Cummins and Dr. Marcus Eriksen. They offered a multi-media presentation on plastics waste in the world’s oceans. The Constitution Roundtable featured several campus and community speakers addressing the Americans With Disabilities Act, and the annual Geography Lecture addressed the intersection of Geography and the Law, with Professor Deb Martin speaking on “Making law, making place: Group Home Siting Conflicts in Worcester, Massachusetts.”

Two more major events, the Model United Nations and the inaugural William V. Moore Student Research Conference were highly successful. The Model UN bolstered the role of students in planning and coordination and the first iteration of the Moore Conference drew more than 30 students, from 6 different majors, and several area high school students.

The Department also sponsored or co-sponsored nine more events, including visits by Alan Wilson (Republican nominee for Attorney General), Rand Paul (Senator from Kentucky), campaign managers and party activists involved in the 2010 gubernatorial race, activists seeking to strengthening legal enforcement to halt human trafficking in South Carolina, and presentations by Departmental faculty on terrorism, sustainability, energy policy, uprisings in the Middle East, gender and politics, and exploring Brazilian favelas through the art of Pedro Lobo. Faculty presented to majors, non-majors, the Friends of the Library, visitors to the City Gallery and the Halsey Art Gallery, the Mayor’s Council for Family and Children, the Local Chapter of the American Fundraising Professionals, the Center for Creative Retirement and other community groups.
Global Reach

The Department’s research and teaching expertise in international and global affairs was apparent this year in dynamic course offerings, field research overseas, participation in international conferences, and Departmental faculty conducting study abroad courses. Seven of sixteen roster faculty are primarily engaged in the study of international and comparative politics with two more whose research agendas split evenly between domestic and international concerns. This year students traveled with Departmental Faculty to Morocco (Dr. Parson), China (Dr. Liu), and Cambodia/Vietnam (Dr. Delfeld, Dr. Watson, and Dr. France). In addition, Dr. Gorden conducted research in South Africa and began laying the groundwork for a study abroad experience in that country and Dr. Long assumed the position of Director of the College’s Fall Program in Trujillo, Spain. Dr. Fisher’s research on global climate change resulted in an invitation to the UN Conference held in Mexico City in July and Dr. Delfeld published a chapter in Post Crisis State Transformation: Rethinking the Foundations of the State that resulted from her participation in the European Science Foundation workshop on Post Conflict Political Legitimacy” held in Scandic Linköping Väst, Sweden.

Faculty Hiring and Development

The Department hired three outstanding new faculty, Dr. JoAnn Ewalt (Professor and Director of the MPA program), Dr. Jordan Ragusa (Asst. Professor, American Government) and Dr. Claire Wofford (Assist. Professor, Public Law). The Department also took significant steps towards clarifying departmental expectations in teaching, research and service, revising the curriculum to better reflect our current strengths and priorities, and to support and develop excellence in teaching by expanding peer observation.

II. Political Science By the Numbers

387 Political Science majors (see p. 18).
92 Students graduated with degrees in Political Science (p. 10).
53 Pi Sigma Alpha initiates (see p. 20)
33 Majors studying abroad (see p. 37).
30 Year Anniversary of the Master of Public Administration Program (p.37)
31 Independent Studies supervised by POLS faculty (see p. 31)
25 Students completing internships (see p. 34)
16 Bachelor’s essays completed (see p. 32)
10 POLS majors who have been awarded the College’s highest academic honor, the Bishop Robert Smith Award, since 1994 (p. 18).

3 Successful faculty searches: Dr. JoAnn Ewalt (Public Administration), Dr. Jordan Ragusa (American Politics), and Dr. Claire Wofford (Public Law).
III. A Year in Review

The Department continued its tradition of providing diverse programming that integrates curricular and extra-curricular learning and reflects our commitment to interdisciplinary learning, internationalization, the cultivation of academic excellence, and engaging students in the world beyond the classroom.

Integrating Curricular and Extra Curricular Learning

Annual Theme: Consumption and Survival: The Politics of Everyday Living

The paradox of our age is that while billions of people struggle to survive at the margins of developed economies and political systems, overconsumption and the reliance on fossil fuels endangers the welfare of the planet and its human communities.


Thursday, September 16, 2010, Tate Center.
Participants: Jennifer Aldrich, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of South Carolina; Fran Trapp, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of South Carolina; Janet Schumacher, ADA Compliance Coordinator, City of Charleston; Taylor Elliott, Center for Disability Services, College of Charleston; Deborah Mihal, Director, Center for Disability Services, College of Charleston.
Sponsored by the Department of Political Science, College of Charleston Center for Disability Services, and the Office of the Dean of Student Services. 30 students and faculty in attendance.


Wednesday, September 22, 2010, SHHP Alumni Center
Participants: Maryse Gartner, Director of Not for Sale South Carolina; Patricia Ravenhorst, Attorney/Director of South Carolina Immigrant Victim Network; Susanne Parker, Clemson University Players. Approximately 50 students and faculty attended.
Making law, making place: Group Home Siting Conflicts in Worcester, Massachusetts

Dr. Deb Martin, Clark University
January 27, 2011 Stern Center Ballroom
Discussion about how lawyers integrate client narratives about place into American law and how place-based legal disputes create geographical policy. 30 Students attended.


February 15, 2011 Physicians Auditorium
*Presenters:* Anna Cummins and Dr. Marcus Eriksen, co-founders of the 5 Gyres Institute.
Approximately 260 students in attendance

Convocation Coordinator Dr. Kea Gorden (left) with Anna Cummins and Marcus Erikson

College of Charleston Model United Nations

April 15-16, 2011 Carolina First Arena
210 students participated.

The sixth annual Model UN Conference provided an experiential learning opportunity that engages students in a dialogue about global issues and how real world leaders seek to address these issues. Three Committees were formed to debate resolutions on Environmental Protections; Bodily Integrity; and Net Neutrality/Internet Freedom. This interdisciplinary event has grown every year (now incorporating students from at least eight different classes), with an increasingly student-centered focus. This year, for the first time, students were (with faculty guidance) authors of the resolutions and planners of the event itself.
Engaging the Community and Exploring Ideas in a Public Forum

Alan Wilson, Republican nominee for Attorney General of South Carolina

Tuesday October 19, 2010, Wachovia Auditorium
Co-sponsored with the Pre-Law Program.

Intersections & Identities: a film and Panel Discussion on “The World Unseen”

Wednesday, October 20, 2010 Addlestone 227
Participants: Hollis France, Claire Curtis, Helen Delfeld and Kristi Brian (Women and Gender studies)
A roundtable discussion of “The World Unseen”—set in South Africa during apartheid, the film explores love, expectations and politics.

The Green Standard: Sustainable Building in the Lowcountry

March 2011
Friends of the Library
Presenter: Kevin Keenan

Favelas: architecture of survival

October 23, 2010, City Gallery at Waterfront Park Presenter: Dr. Mark Long
Debriefing Revolutionary States in the Middle East

Monday, March 21, 2010, Maybank 103
Participants: Dr. John Creed, Adam Burnelle, Adrian Barry.
Co-sponsor: Americans for Informed Democracy

The Meaning of Terrorism

Tuesday, March 22, 2010, Maybank 103
Participants: Dr. Mary Desjeans
Co-sponsor: Americans for Informed Democracy

Reflections on a Campaign: How South Carolina Elected a Governor

Friday January 21, 2011 Stern Center Ballroom
Participants: Phil Noble (SC New Democrats) Chris Allen (Founders Partnership) Tim Pearson (Chief of Staff to Governor Nikki Haley) and Trav Robertson (Campaign Manager for Vincent Sheheen). Co-Sponsors: Department of Communication Bully Pulpit Series

"Conserving Biodiversity in Jordan" John Creed Sabbatical Research Presentation

Friday, January 29, 2011
Alumni Hall

An Appearance by Senator Rand Paul (R-KY)

Monday, March 21, 2011, Randolph Hall
Co-sponsored with the Department of Communication Bully Pulpit Series
Approximately 80 in attendance.
The Intersection of Disciplines

Habits of Resistance: An Illustrated Lecture by Dr. Mark Long

Wednesday, October 20, 2010 Simons Center for the Arts
Mark Long, curator and lecturer
Brazilian photographer Pedro Lobo, and political science professor Mark Long discuss Lobo’s work on Brazilian favelas.
Hosted by the Halsey Gallery and the Historic Preservation and Community Planning program

These are perhaps the world’s longest-lived squatter settlements, dating from the late nineteenth century and the abolition of slavery in Brazil. Pedro Lobo chooses to insert himself into these spaces of exclusion and resilience. He becomes a witness, working . . . to make the invisible visible; seeing clearly and unsentimentally what, but for him, would remain unseen.

—Dr. Mark Long

Environmental Justice in Favelas

November 16, 2010 City Gallery
Presenter: Dr. Brian Fisher

Fueling the Debate: The Future of Energy

November 18, 2010
Participants: Dr. Brian Fisher, Dr. Mitch Colgan
Sponsor: Friends of the Library

Careers and Opportunities

Now What? Is Grad School Right for You? Finding the Right Graduate School

Wednesday, October 6, 2010 Maybank Hall, Room 304
Participants: Erin McAdams, John Creed and Kendra Stewart

Applying to Graduate School

Monday, Nov. 8 Tate Center room 131
Participants: Erin McAdams, John Creed and Kendra Stewart
Celebrating and Encouraging Academic Excellence

The William V. Moore Student Research Conference

Friday, April 8, 2011

More than thirty students representing a half-dozen majors and several high school seniors presented their research to peers, colleagues, students, and community members as part of the inaugural William V. Moore Student Research Conference.

“It was an absolute privilege to have been able to attend the conference, especially as a high school student. In a self-centered sense, it was a huge confidence boost for my faith in my quality of work. But it was also an enriching opportunity to look at the work of brighter and more ambitious projects as well. Some of them blew me away whether by unconventional hypotheses or international scope.”

—Jason Ling, an Academic Magnet High School senior

Keynote Speaker Dr. Fred Carter (President of Francis Marion University) used the occasion to pledge $4,000 to support future Moore Conferences.
Political Science Student Awards Reception

April 19, 2011 Alumni Hall
Approximately 80 students, parents, and faculty attended.

Left to right: Sanaz Arjomand, Robert Williams, Caroline Horres, Adam Brunelle, and Adrian Barry.

Political Science Graduation Reception

Saturday, May 7 Political Science Courtyard, 114 Wentworth Street

Left to right: Shalissa Garrett and Dr. Erin McAdams

Dr. Helen Delfeld and Sarah Cawood

Andrew Meggs
Internationalization

2011 Organization of American States

The Model Organization of American States (OAS) is a simulation of the real OAS. Universities from North America, Latin America and the Caribbean send student delegations to represent the countries of the Americas. Months of preparation culminate in a meeting of the General Assembly where students spend one week at OAS headquarters. A student delegation consisting of Kathryn Penry, Wesley Newbury, Austin Biggerstaff, Lesley Ramey, Kathleen DeWitt, Josephine Kaprika, Matthew Smith, Peter Wiggins and Victor Lima, was led by Professor Douglas Friedman at the March 29-April 2 session in Washington D.C. The College of Charleston delegation represented Nicaragua this year.

2011 National Model African Union

The participation of Political Science majors in the 2011 National Model African Union celebrated over thirty years of participation in the model by the Department of Political Science at the College of Charleston. Adrian Barry, Sophie McManus, Alex Kirby, Antonio Fielder and Kaitlin Fitzgerald represented the Republic of Botswana while Isaiah Nelson, Rebecca Stewart, Haley Thomas, Patrick Giblin and Kevin Groarke represented the Republic of South Africa. Each student represented his/her country on one of five committees during the four-day event sponsored by Howard University and held at the conference facilities of the Washington Plaza Hotel in Washington, D.C., and as country delegations participated in the culminating Assembly of Heads of State and Government. Forty-four delegations from thirty universities participated in the simulation of a meeting of the African Union, the largest representation of African countries in the history of the Model. The delegations from Botswana and South Africa distinguished themselves and were a credit to the Department of Political Science. The adviser for the program, and for the associated course, POLS 366: Applied International Diplomacy, was Dr. Kea Gorden. (Dr. Kea Gorden)

IV. The Faculty

Front row: Erin McAdams, Mark Long, Annette Watson, John Creed, Helen Delfeld, Erin Blevins, Hollis France; Middle row: Andy Felts, Mary Desjeans, Philip Jos, Tom Chorlton, Brian Fisher, Guoli Liu; Back row: Lynne Ford, Justin Lance, Kevin Keenan, Alex Sanders; Not pictured: Marguerite Archie Hudson, David Hinton, Kea Gorden, Kendra Stewart.
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|                       |    - Education/Health Policy  
|                       |    - State Legislatures  |
| Tom Chorlton           |  - American Government  
|                       |    - Politics of the American Revolution  
|                       |    - LGBT  |
| John Creed             |  - Middle East Politics  
|                       |    - Comparative Politics  
|                       |    - American Foreign Policy  |
| Claire Curtis          |  - Utopia/Dystopia  
|                       |    - Liberalism  
|                       |    - Politics and Literature  
|                       |    - Sexual Harassment  |
| Helen Delfeld          |  - Human Rights Law  
|                       |    - Southeast Asian Politics  
|                       |    - World Politics  |
| Mary Desjeans          |  - Intelligence & Nat’l Security  
|                       |    - Terrorism and Anti-Terrorism  
|                       |    - Organizational Leadership  |
| Jo Ann Ewalt           |  - Public Administration  
|                       |    - Research Methods  
|                       |    - Public Policy  
|                       |    - Education Policy  |
| Andy Felts             |  - Bureaucratic Politics  
|                       |    - Public Administration  
|                       |    - American Government  |
| Brian Fisher           |  - Global Climate Change  
|                       |    - Sustainability  
|                       |    - Environmental Policy  
|                       |    - International Law  |
| Lynne Ford             |  - American Government  
|                       |    - Women and Politics  
|                       |    - Civic Engagement  |
| Hollis France          |  - Int. Political Economy  
|                       |    - World Politics  
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<td>Philip Jos</td>
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<td>Kevin Keenan</td>
<td>Urban Policy and Planning, Urban and World Geography</td>
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<td>Guoli Liu</td>
<td>International Diplomacy, Chinese Politics, World Politics, Transitional States</td>
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<td>Mark Long</td>
<td>World Regional Geography, Politics of the European Union, Political Geography</td>
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<td>Erin McAdams</td>
<td>Voting and Elections, Religion and Politics, Research Methods</td>
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<td>Jordan Ragusa</td>
<td>Congress and the Presidency, American Political Development, Research Methods</td>
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<td>Alex Sanders</td>
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<td>State and Local/SC Politics, The Presidency, Public Administration</td>
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<td>Annette Watson</td>
<td>Environmental Geography, Geography of Native Lands, Politics of Science, Political Ecology</td>
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Visiting Faculty Member

Justin Lance (2010, Ohio State University)

The Department owes a special debt of gratitude to Dr. Lance. We were very fortunate that he agreed to join us as a Visiting Faculty member very late in the summer of 2010. He did an outstanding job, teaching courses in world politics and political research. He has accepted a tenure track position at Presbyterian College and will begin teaching there in the fall of 2012.

Adjunct Faculty

Dave Gillespie
Lee Gremillion
Ann Walsh
Meredith Coker
Judge Bristow Marchant

Staff

Erin Blevins, Administrative Coordinator
Nicol Spann, student worker

Contributors From Other Departments

Jeri Cabot (Student Affairs) American Government
Michael Lee (Department of Communication) American Politics and Mass Media, Political Campaign Communication
Namjin Lee (Department of Communication) Mass Communication and Civic Life
Malte Pehl (Languages, Cultures, and World Affairs)
John White (Library Faculty/Director of Carolina& the Atlantic World Program) Race, Politics, and Southern Conservatism

Spotlight on New Faculty

Erin McAdams earned her PhD from the Ohio State University. Her teaching and research interests are in American politics, political behavior and research methodology. Her current research focuses on the role of group identity on the extent of conflict that occurs within political parties.
Selected Publications

The faculty presented original research at dozens of professional conferences, provided leadership for many professional organizations and served the community in myriad ways. What follows is merely a sample.

Books


Edited Books


Peer Reviewed Journal Articles


Book Chapters


Forthcoming (Already Accepted for Publication)


Other Publications/Grants/Professional Service and Recognition

**Mary Desjeans**, Central Intelligence Agency Exceptional Performance Award.


**Kea Gorden**, was named Director of the African Studies Program.


**Kevin Keenan** organized and chaired a panel on Reflexivities of Today / Geographies of Tomorrow: Graduate Students Reflect on Fieldwork” and served as a panelist on “Change in Suburbanizing Environments” at the annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers.
Guoli Liu, Title VIA International Studies and Foreign Language: Global Scholars travel grant, supported by the U.S. Department of Education, $2000, Summer 2010.

Mark Long 2010. “architecture of survival – the photographs of Pedro Lobo” (curator) City Gallery at Waterfront Park, Charleston, SC.


Kendra Stewart was named Director of the Joseph P. Riley Center for Sustainable Communities, served on the national council for the American Society for Public Administration, the marketing committee for the National Association of Schools of Public Administration and Affairs, and chaired the Southeastern Conference on Public Administrations Policy Committee.

Lynne Ford, served as Interim Associate Vice President for the Academic Experience and as Associate Provost for Curriculum and Academic Administration.

Community Engagement

Marguerite Archie Hudson served on the Board of Directors, Coastal Community Foundation and the N.E.W. Fund Committee (seeks funding for community projects in low-income rural communities). Chair of the SC Chapter of the Links, Inc., Marguerite works with Project Okurase, a collaborative effort that includes MUSC, Clemson, and a community group in Union Heights to open a pharmacy in the small village of Okurase, Ghana. She also is working with residents of Hollywood to develop the rural education corridor.

John Creed made presentations to the Center for Creative Retirement, Americans for Informed Democracy, Unitarian Church, Campus AID.

Lynne Ford coordinated The College Reads! Greg Mortenson 2010 (5,000 people attended) and the Literacy Outreach Initiative. She also continues her work with Habitat for Humanity and reviews grants for the Mayor’s Office of Children Youth and Family and AmeriCorps/VISTA.

Brian Fisher, made presentations at the Mt. Pleasant Community Center, the City Gallery, TV, radio appearances; working with a student on a documentary on local food choices in the Charleston community.

Hollis France presented at the College of Charleston Labor Day celebration and accompanied students to the International Longshoreman’s Association, John’s Island Rural Missions, Swimming Rockfish Farm, the South Carolina Aquarium, the Southeast Biodeisal Plant and Carolina-Pacific Corp.

Kevin Keenan accompanied students to the Traffic Management Center, the Ports Authority of Charleston, and the new urbanist villages of I’On and Daniel Island, panelist “The Green Standard” (Friends of the Library).

Mark Long, made presentations at the Halsey Gallery and the City Gallery.
Alex Sanders, presented to the College Activities Board, took part in an NAACP teach in on the causes of the Civil War, and contributed the Charleston Business Journal and the State Newspaper.

Kendra Stewart assisted the Lowcountry Food Bank on a federal grant application and presented to the Mayor’s Council for Family and Children and the Local Chapter of American Fundraising Professionals.

V. The Students

The number of Political Science majors doubled between 2000 and 2008 and has stabilized in recent years.

Declared Majors in Political Science 1985-2011

College-Wide Awards

Bishop Robert Smith Award

The Bishop Robert Smith Award is the highest academic honor that can be bestowed by the College of Charleston. Sanaz Arjomand is the tenth Political Science major to win the award.

Previous Bishop Robert Smith Award Winners in Political Science

1994 - Mary Abigail Edwards
1997 - Jessica Clancy
1998 - Melody Edelman
1999 - Matthew Czuchry
2000 - Billie Murray
2003 - John Rhodes Bailey
2006 - Rebecca Wieters
2008 - Kathryn Rogers
2009 - Kristen Thompson
2010 - Sanaz Arjomand

Political science major, Sanaz Arjomand, with her faculty advisor, Dr. John Creed
Alyson and Grace Jameson Award  
Shalissa Garrett

Greek Woman of the Year  
Jennifer Testi

Pat Kelly Award for Social Activism  
Lukas Koncilia

Transfer Student Award  
Nicholas Bowman  
Nicol Spann

School of Humanities and Social Sciences Scholars, 2010-2011  
Thomas Laffay  
Chris Howell

Political Science Outstanding Student Awards

Outstanding Students are graduating seniors selected by the faculty on the basis of GPA and overall academic achievement.
Sanaz Arjomand  
Sean C. Bath  
Elizabeth C. Connors
Emily A. DeVoie  
Kathleen T. DeWitt

Political Science Departmental Honors

Departmental Honors are awarded by the faculty to students in the major with a GPA of at least 3.5 in the major who have completed a minimum of 12 hours of independent work including a Bachelor’s Essay.
Sanaz Arjomand  
Kathryn F. Penry  
Adam L. Brunelle  
Anne Gilbert Wallice
Carly M. Clement  
Robert B. Williams  
Elizabeth C. Connors

Scholarships Awarded for 2011-2012

Freshman Dengate Scholarship (renewed)  
Keegen Smith
Dengate Scholarships (non-renewable)

Jenny Bamond  Micah Coffee  Bailey Evans
Chelsea Legette  Beverley Wood

Harper B. Keeler Award
Caroline Horres

William V. Moore Endowed Scholarship (renewed)
Nivardo Vivar

Burnett Rhett Maybank Award
Matthew Priester

Alexander Dick Scholarship
William Coffman

Alyson and Grace Jameson Award
Shalissa Garrett

Pi Sigma Alpha: 2010-2011 Initiates

The department initiated 53 students at the spring at the Student Awards and Recognition Reception held on April 19, 2011 at 4:00pm in Alumni Hall in Randolph Hall. The Pi Sigma Alpha Best Paper Awards were announced at this reception.

Shelby E. August  Ashley Estelle Jordan
Sean C. Bath  Matthew Crosby Judson
Amber L. Benjamin  Martin Aleksander Kret
Kathryn D. Bondurant  Alyssa Dorothea Leibman
Seth M. Bostrom  Danielle Levin
Susannah Joy Bush  Alison Littke-Smith
Sarah Elizabeth Cawood  Aubrey Britt Luria
Maranda Christy  David Alexander Matthews
Victoria Cole  Elizabeth Mueller
James Lawrence Comerford II  Emily M. Nellermoe
Marguerite K Conroy  Wes Newbury
John Patrick Crowe  Iona D. O'Donnell
Kathleen T. DeWitt  Kayla LaVon Parker
Allie G. Federle  Megan Rollins
Jamie Lynn Fisher  Brooke D. Sensenig
Shalissa Kentrell Garrett  Paige Elizabeth Simunek
Benjamin Aaron Genn  Charlotte Jordan Smith
Andrew D. Gordon  Thomas McCord Smythe
Pi Sigma Alpha Best Paper Awards

Analytic Essay

First Place: Elizabeth Conwell, “The Dangers of Positivist Rationalization in Epistemology: Discrimination, Marginalization and Termination”

Research Paper

Second Place: Henry Bates, “The Impact of ‘External Interference’ in White-House-Intelligence Community Relations during the Cold War”

Political Science Majors elected to “Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges” in 2010-2011.

Sanaz Arjomand Elizabeth Con Amanda B. DeVore
Kathleen DeWitt Christine M. Hood Alexander James Kirby

Political Science Honor Roll—Spring 2010

Students who carry a minimum of 12 hours of academic credit and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, are named to the semester's honor roll.

Kristine Abruzino Lua Janet Eijsink Matthew O'Brien
Pious P. Ahuja Margaret E. Farrington Iona O'Donnell
Kimberly Susan Anderson Allie Gosling Federle Andrew Curtis Orr
Sanaz Afrooz Arjomand Valerie Jeanne Finlay Sweta J. Patel
Shelby Elizabeth August Brenda Jane Flores Lauren E. Patterson
Sean C. Bath Syricka Foster Anne Catherine Pease
Elizabeth LeClair Bemis Austin Tres Garland Kathryn Franklin Penry
Amber Leigh Benjamin Shalissa Kentrell Garrett Bridget Austin Pitkin
Amanda B. Birkenhauer Benjamin Aaron Genn Matthew Miles Priester
Political Science Honor Roll—Fall 2010

Students who carry a minimum of 12 hours of academic credit and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, are named to the semester’s honor roll.

Kristine Abruzino  Dylan A. Fernandes  Elizabeth M. Pappas
Sanaz A. Arjomand  Elizabeth A. Figliola  Kayla L. Parker
Emily A. Arp  Jamie L. Fisher  Anne C. Pease
Shelby E. August  Syllricka Foster  Matthew M. Priester
Jenny J. Bamond  Austin T. Garland  Kimokeo Rabang
Sean C. Bath  Nicole C. Glenn  Matthew R. Sanford
A Student Focused Community

The Political Science Club

The Department supports a number of student clubs and organizations. Most directly, the Political Science Club, operates as a multi-partisan student organization dedicated to advancing dialogue and action related to politics. The club regularly sponsors debates, lectures, service projects, and social activities. The Club also co-sponsors events with the department, in particular the Convocation of Majors, and advises the faculty on areas of student interest. Organization funds, allocated by SGA, are used to cover the cost of food associated with events, film rental, speaker fees, and travel.

SGA Leaders and Political Science majors, Ross Kressl (left) and Isaiah Nelson (right)
The South Carolina Student Legislature (SCSL)

Continuing its tradition of civic engagement in public affairs, the College of Charleston delegation to the South Carolina Student Legislature (SCSL) was once again one of the strongest in the state and a leader in setting the agenda in the statewide mock legislative session. The delegation included:

Adrian Barry    Savannah Johnson
Jeffrey Martin    Laura Swing
Matthew Vaveris   Victoria Visnich
Robert Williams (delegation chair)

CofC's South Carolina Student Legislature (SCSL) delegation attended the organization's Spring Session this month, April 14-16, in Myrtle Beach. Seven students participated in the biannual session. Delegates spent the semester preparing their own legislation, which addressed a broad spectrum of topics, from corporate tax and labor law reform to cracking down on illegal immigration and sex offenders.

During the three-day session, which was held in the Sand Dunes Resort conference center, the CofC delegation lobbied and socialized with more than 100 fellow students hailing from eight other colleges and universities across the state. Delegates presented and debated bills and resolutions using Robert's Rules of Order and convened a constitutional convention to amend the organization's governing document. Two CofC delegates were elected to serve in statewide leadership roles during next semester's Fall Session, Visnich as vice chair of the Committee on the Judiciary and Johnson as chair of the Committee on Education.

SCSL is an entirely student-run mock legislature program that provides an invaluable opportunity for undergraduates to engage in the processes and issues of government. Since 1956, SCSL has been a breeding ground for future newsmakers, including former South Carolina Attorney General Henry McMaster, former Republican strategist Lee Atwater, and former U.S. Representative Liz Patterson. For more information, visit www.scstudentlegislature.com or email CofC's new delegation chair at savannah.michelle.johnson@gmail.com. Submitted by Robert Williams.

Americans for Informed Democracy (AID) promotes an interconnected world through awareness, advocacy and action.

The International Affairs Club is dedicated to educating students about the world and encouraging engagement in international affairs. Dr. Hollis France serves as the organization’s faculty advisor. Activities include invited lectures, films/discussions, and events designed to raise awareness of global issues.

Urban Agriculture is an on-campus organization for the promotion and implementation of urban agriculture initiatives throughout the Charleston community with the goal of furthering social and environmental justice and sustainability. The organization seeks to provide fresh, organic, local produce to the community. Dr. Helen Delfeld is the faculty advisor.

Current Political Science Students plans for Summer 2011

Katherine Atkins will be doing an internship working with middle school students serving in homeless shelters, soup kitchens, clothing banks, programs for children, and elderly care centers in Charlotte, NC.

Taylor Bell will intern with Senator Bozeman during the summer in Washington D.C.
Michelle Bloom will intern for J. Pope Consulting, a political and financial consulting firm in Washington, DC this summer.

Tori Cole is internimg with the Nature Conservancy.

Hannah Duffy will be a summer organizer for Organizing for America in Maryland.

Lua Eijsink will be interning with Holt International, an adoption agency in Sacramento, CA.

Caroline Horres will intern at Motley Rice law firm.

Alex Kirby will be studying in the Middle East during the summer.

Sadie Lefitz will be interning for Senator Lindsey Graham in Greenville, SC most of the summer and also interning at Senator Jim DeMint’s office in Washington, DC in July.

Danielle Levin will intern with the State Department in D.C. in the Linguistics Department.

Cameron O’Banion will be an unpaid intern at South Carolina Legal Services this summer.

David Skaggs will intern with Senator Lindsey Graham’s Mount Pleasant Office.

Lauren Strubek will be interning with Rosen Law Firm in downtown Charleston.

Elani Valanos will intern for the lobbying firm, Hart Health Strategies this summer in Washington D.C.

Future Plans of 2011 Political Science Graduates

Lauren Avioli will pursue a Masters of Urban Planning at the University of Texas-Austin.

Rob Blackmore will work for Doyle Sails in San Francisco and race sailboats professionally.

Adam Brunelle will pursue a Masters in Environmental Studies at the College of Charleston.

John Brisini, President of Arete Investment LLC.

Sarah Cawood will attend Law School, Miami.

Carly Clement will be teaching High School Math in the Mississippi Delta for two years as part of Teach for America.

Colin Coletti will work in Washington D.C for Senator Rob Portman as a staff assistant.

Morgan Cleary will attend Law School at the University of South Carolina.

Amanda DeVore will attend Law School at the University of South Carolina.

Caroline Dennis will join the AmeriCorp NCCC team in Denver Colorado.
TJ Fielder will be teaching in the Mississippi Delta for two years as part of Teach for America.

Paige Gamble will attend Law School at the University of South Carolina.

Austin Garland is in the SC Army National Guard, 2nd Lieutenant, active duty training.

Rachael Grider will be in Poland with the Jewish Studies study abroad program during the summer.

Erik Grimes will be a 2nd Lieutenant at Tindall Airforce Base in Florida.

Jordan Howard will be a paid intern with the Huffington Post in Washington DC.

Alexandra Keenan will join the Peace Corp in June for two years serving in Benin, West Africa as an English and Health Instructor.

Tyler Kirby will attend UNC Central School of Law, Durham.

Jeri Mintzer has a fellowship in urban planning in Washington D.C..

Kerry Murphy will work in Event Planning in Miami, Florida.

Lucas Nelson will attend Officer Candidate School, 2nd Lieutenant.

Richard Newcomb II will pursue a Masters Degree at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Iona O’Donnell will be attending BPP Law School in London, England.

Annie Pease will join the Peace Corp in August to teach English in Central or South America.

Kathryn Penny will be the Assistant Campaign Director, Grassroots Campaigns, Inc.

Megan Ryan is attending a Masters of Urban Planning program at the University of Cincinnati.

Nicol Spann will pursue a PhD in International Relations at Florida International University.

Michelle Strick has a summer fellowship for Public Interest design at UT-Austin.

Kip Watson will teach sailing at the Carolina Yacht Club this summer.

Steven Wallice will pursue a Masters Degree in Social Science from the Citadel.

Charles Weber will attend University of Oregon School of Law.

Ebony Williams will attend Officer Candidate Training, US Army

Mallory Wilson will intern with Paschal Promotions in Charlotte, NC.

Patrick Wilson will work in Sales/Human Resources for Buffalo and Company in Charleston, SC.
VI. The Classroom: On Campus and Off

Beyond the Standard Curriculum: Special Topics Courses 2010-2011

POLS 319.1 ST: Sustainability
This course will examine the interrelated environmental, economic and social problems facing humans at local, regional and global scales around the theme of sustainability. Specifically, we will explore sustainability both as a ‘constructed’ concept as well as a practice and ask how can we govern the process from the “idea of sustainability” to generating good policy on sustainability and sustainable development? In addressing this question, the class will use an applied experience from their own sustainability project to examine ways to generate values of sustainability, create policy to encourage sustainability, and ultimately govern it. (Fisher)

POLS 319.2 ST: Intelligence and U.S. National Security Policy
This course is a survey of US intelligence and the role it plays in national defense and foreign policy. We will examine the history of US Intelligence and the evolution of the structure of the Intelligence Community to meet the needs of the President and Congress. Disputes over ethics, law, resources, and security will be discussed as they relate to past and current debates over the role, size, and mission of the intelligence bureaucracy. (Desjeans)

POLS 339.1 ST: Chinese Politics
After three decades of hard work and rapid growth, China is approaching modernity and with it comes profound sociopolitical changes. We shall examine whether the Chinese can build a dynamic market economy in an increasingly globalized world economy, create social harmony in a society with growing tensions, and maintain political stability while avoiding stagnation and decay. (Liu)

POLS 359.2 ST: Legal Conflict and Mediation
This course includes an overview of conflict evaluation, conflict management and resolution approaches with an emphasis on mediation and negotiation. Among other issues the course will cover non-litigation methods of dispute settlement, the ethics of mediation and negotiation, demonstration and roll playing of the mediation process, participation in the Community Juvenile Arbitration Program, and other experiential learning opportunities. (Carr)

POLS 379.1 ST: International Human Rights Law
This course is an introduction to both human rights law and its underlying theory. Human rights law is distinguished from more traditional international law by its interconnected idealism and lack of specificity and enforceability. First we will establish what exactly is covered by human rights law, and then we will move on to the participation of different countries and organizations. We will examine the theoretical implications of human rights law, including inherent contradictions in the law and methods of enforcement and resistance. (Delfeld)

POLS 379.2 ST: Int. Development Theory and Practice
Various explanations have arisen over the past several decades to explain the inability of Third World nations to substantially alter the conditions of poverty in which the majority of their populations live. This course seeks to critically examine the theories and practices of international development that have historically characterized efforts to address problems of poverty and global inequality. In addition, we will engage with current debates endeavoring to recast the discourse of development and expose the factors that contribute to the maintenance and exacerbation of global poverty and inequality. (Gorden)

POLS 399.1 ST: State Legislatures and Legislative Policymaking
This course is designed to introduce students interested in public policy to the methods and processes by which state legislatures achieve public policy objectives. The focus is on how policy is enacted at the state level and the issues, strategies, politics and influences that shape these public decisions. The course will explore state legislatures throughout the nation with particular emphasis on the legislatures of California and South Carolina. (Archie-Hudson)
POLS 339.01 ST: Southeast Asian Politics
This course will explore the fascinating and rapidly changing political milieu of Southeast Asia. Much of the attention the international community gives Asia is directed toward the giants of northern Asia (Japan and China) and South Asia (India), but Southeast Asia has fascinating and unique dynamics all its own. It is the crossroads of the world, including the world's most populous Muslim state, and the only Christian state in Asia. Burma is entirely unaffected by the opening of economies to the world market that characterizes both Cambodia and Vietnam and it is also one of the gravest violators of human rights in the world. In some ways, Southeast Asia is a fascinating microcosm of larger world politics, but in others the dynamics are peculiar to the region itself. (Delfeld)

POLS 359.01 ST: Global Political Theory
This course offers an exploration of the multiple perspectives of political thought that exist in the world outside of the Western Canon. We will explore perspectives from around the globe, including African and Buddhist political philosophy to post-colonial feminisms, to consider political theorizations of freedom, equality, justice, security and political organization. The course will encourage students to examine how a knowledge of global perspectives allows political analysts a richer and more complex understanding of politics. (Gorden)

POLS 379.01 ST: International Relations in the Middle East
This course is designed to help you gain an understanding of the places the Middle East has occupied in international relations over time and seeks to pose competing explanations for why the region has occupied those spaces and roles in world politics. It will use the insights offered by realist, liberal and constructivist theoretical traditions to examine the evolution of the region’s place in the international system, with a particular focus on the region’s early 20th century international relations, the dynamics of contemporary Middle Eastern international relations that emerge with the end of the Cold War and the onset of the “Great West Asian Crisis” and an analysis of current and future configurations of the region in the international system. (Creed)

POLS 399.01 ST: Religion in American Politics
This course is designed to encourage discussion, critical thinking and analytical writing about the interaction between politics and religion in the United States, considering both the historical and contemporary context of this relationship. Topics will include: the historical legacy of religion in American political culture; interpretation of the U.S. Constitution regarding religious establishment and free exercise; the effect of religious cleavages on public opinion, voting behavior and the party system; the mobilizing effect of religion in social movements; the impact of religion on political elites; and the implications of the relationship between religion and politics for American democracy. (McAdams)

POLS 399.02/AAST 300 ST: Race, Politics and Southern Conservatism
This course will provide students with an understanding of the emergence of the “new conservatism” in the South after World War II. Particular attention will be given to issues regarding gender, race, class, religion, and political thought as they relate to the evolution of conservative politics in the South. Students are especially expected to understand the relationship between white opposition to the second reconstruction and its impact on national politics and on the culture as a whole. (John White, Director of CLAW)

POLS 399.03 ST: LGBT Politics
This course will focus on the evolution of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender politics from the founding of the Mattachine Society and Daughters of Bilitis in the 1950s, the Stonewall Rebellion in 1969, the inclusion of Lesbian & Gay Rights in the 1980 Democratic Platform through present day developments in local, state, national and international politics. Special emphasis will be placed on the Military's "Don't Ask/Don't Tell" policy; the impact of AIDS on the LGBT community; Gay Marriage and Family issues; and LGBT Elected Officials from Capitol Hill to City Hall. (Chorlton)
Guests in POLS Classrooms

POLS 379 Intelligence and U.S. National Security (Mary Desjeans). Dennis Bowden and Brian Martin, the Director and Deputy Director of the CIA’s Office of Policy Support; Julie Cohen, the National Intelligence Officer for Transnational Threats, Joe Gartin, Director of Intelligence Leadership development programs.

PUBA 640 Leadership and Decision Making (Mary Desjeans). Carmen Middleton, Deputy of the Office of Corporate Resources.

POLS 306 Urban Policy (Kevin Keenan) Geona Shaw-Johnson (Housing) ; Jason Sakran (Education); Tony Elder (Policing); Stephanie Eames (Economic Development); PUBA 615 Dan Pennick (Dir. Charleston County Zoning and Planning).

Innovative Courses and High Impact Pedagogy

Contributions to the First Year Experience and Honors

Mark Long First Year Seminar: The Geography of Modernity

Helen Delfeld: Learning Community on World Politics (a collaboration with Dr. Elizabeth Rhodes’s Environmental Geology class).

David Hinton Honors 165 American Government
                      Honors 130 Western Civilization
Mock Trial Advanced Team

Meredith Coker

The College of Charleston Mock Trial Class/Team was active for its eighth year. The Advanced Mock Trial Team competed at the University of Florida’s Annual Growlin’ Gator Invitational Mock Trial Tournament in Gainesville, Florida November 6-7, 2010. Of the seven members, it was the first competition for five of the team members. 21 teams competed in this tournament from throughout the Southeast. The College of Charleston Mock Trial team competed against several teams including: Emory University’s A Team, University of Florida, and Florida State A Team. Out of the 21teams in the tournament, the College of Charleston was awarded with fourth place with a record of 5-3. Moreover, Laura Timmons, the only freshman on the team, received an award for Best Witness. Laura received the highest score in the entire competition. On February 5-6, 2011, the Advanced Mock Trial team competed in the AMTA Regional Mock Trial Tournament in Chapel Hill, NC. The team had a valuable learning experience competing at this event although they did not receive a bid to the National Tournament.

Simulating an International Security Crisis

Mary Desjeans

On October 25th the Political Science Department sponsored a simulation depicting how intelligence analysis is used to support US policymakers during a national security crisis. Joined by five senior analysts from the CIA, the students in Pol. Sci. 319—Intelligence and National Security—took on the challenge of deciphering events surrounding a fictional crisis in the Koreas and briefing the “Director of National Intelligence” on the crisis’ cause, effect, and impact. The simulation took 2.5 hours and called for the students to be divided into three teams, focusing on domestic and military events in the Koreas and regional and international reactions.

In the after-action students pointed to the overwhelming amounts of information—both open and “classified”—they were required to read and evaluate, discussed the difficulties of determining the reliability of that information, as well as the challenge of separating what was of key importance from tangential information. Students also pointed to the significant time pressures they felt in meeting the deadlines set by the “DNI,” and the need for deep expertise to understand the culture and norms of foreign states going through crisis. Finally, the students especially emphasized how essential team work and collaboration are to working such intelligence problems, seeing such cooperative efforts as force-maximizers without which they could not begin to meet the demands forced on them by policymakers anxious to determine the optimal course of action.

The CIA folks commented on the students’ focus and insight, praising their immediate default to a collaborative approach to the exercise.

Key Concepts

Kevin Keenan

The ability to identify a clearly specified idea or principle is a critically important skill. Dr. Keenan developed an assignment and rubric to help students link a clearly defined concept from course readings to a contemporary media source and to present that linkage in a clear and effective manner.

Politics in Action: The SC Governor's Race

Tom Chorlton

Two of Tom Chorlton's American Government classes were required to contribute eight hours of volunteer work to one of three candidates for Governor: Nikki Haley, Republican; Vincent Sheheen, Democrat; or Morgan Reeves, Green Party. Three weeks after the election, the students were
required to submit an eight page analysis of their experience. Many said that they "had no idea of the work a campaign entailed." Others mentioned that they were "most surprised at how accessible politics was." Several of the students stated that "the experience was empowering and taught me more about the campaign process than reading from a textbook."

The Professor as Student

Dr. Creed’s Capstone Seminar, Gambling the Future, centered on independent research analyzing some aspect of politics and risk. Research was completed in seven stages over the course of a semester. In this seminar, however, the instructor conducted research along side students, completing each phase of the assignment while analyzing the risk associated with an attack on Iran’s nuclear facilities. As one student remarked “The course project was heavily researched and took a fair amount of time for students. It was excellent that Dr. Creed did one as well in addition to his other professional duties as a professor. It really showed his enthusiasm and dedication to the course.”

Integrating Research Design, Data Gathering, and Policy Debate

Brian Fisher

Students in POLS 307 Environmental Policy conducted a 3-part research project on food. Part I was a survey analysis, where they created their own survey, distributed it and interpreted the results on people’s perceptions of food. In the second part, they had to actually go to 3 grocery stores and collect data on specific foods, and analyze the results. Finally, students debated key issues in teams of three and wrote a policy paper based on their findings.

Sustainability and Happiness

Brian Fisher

In reading multiple perspectives on environmental sustainability, students were struck by a missing element—no one appeared to address human happiness and the value of community. Dr. Fisher modified the course so that these concepts would be used to frame discussion. The students created a survey of “happiness” that they gave to family and friends. They compiled over 200 responses and used that data to write an essay on human/American disconnect from the world around them, which has led to discontentment and lack of fulfillment, and linked this trend to sustainability.

The Power of Place: Reading the Lowcountry Landscape

Annette Watson

In Reading the Lowcountry Landscape students were asked: have you ever heard of the power of “place”? Have you ever felt spellbound by a landscape, wondering about its past, about whom and what shaped that place—and why you want to spend more and more time there?” The class explored such landscapes, learning about how other peoples and cultures experience their own “affective landscapes” and examined the inherently political nature “making place.” The course used multiple geographical methodologies, independent research, and walking tours walking tours of downtown Charleston, visits to suburbs in Mount Pleasant and West Ashley.

Senior Capstone Seminars

Dr. Creed, Stewart, Fisher, Liu, and France

All graduates must complete one of our senior Capstone Seminars and this year’s topics connected the local to the global in especially interesting ways. Topics included: “Gambling the Future” (an analysis of risk in modern societies) “Food Insecurity, Farm Policy, and Community Action,” “Combatting Climate Change,” “The Politics of Transitional States,” and “No Passport Required: Connecting the Local to the Global.”
Personalized Education and Student Faculty Collaboration

The opportunity to develop one's own research, and to work one on one with faculty is essential to the mission of the College and the Department. The Department ranked third among all Departments on campus in Independent Study credit hours.

Independent Studies

In 2010-2011, political science students enrolled in 31 independent studies.

Fall 2010

Jordan Blanton “Geography and Politics of International Resource Management” (Annette Watson)
Carly Clement, “Women and Politics” (Lynne Ford)
Victoria Cole, “Conserving Biodiversity Internationally” (John Creed)
Elizaboth Con, “Transitional Justice in Argentina” (Helen Delfeld)
Kathleen DeWitt, “Case Study in Nonprofit Organization Development” (Kendra Stewart)
Lua Eijsink, “Social Movements and NGO Activism” (Kea Gorden)
Alexander Gralski, “Proxy Wars in the Middle East” (John Creed)
Lukas Koncilia, “‘For the Game, For the World’. The Fifa’s Motto Put to the Test” (Hollis France)
Alyssa Leibman, “Anti-Federalist Theory in South Carolina” (Lynne Ford)
Kathryn Penry, “China and India in Globalization” (Guoli Liu)
Phoebe Schiff, “Legacies of Colonialism in the Middle East” (John Creed)

Spring 2011

Justin Allran, “Model UN Chairperson” (Helen Delfeld)
Nicola Barr, “Can the Cuban Missile Crisis be considered a success for U.S. Foreign Policy Makers? What lessons can be learned as a consequence?” (Mary Desjeans)
Henry Bates, “Intelligence Misperceptions and Effects” (John Creed)
Zoe Combs, “Development of Women’s Rights in the Middle East” (John Creed)
Elizabeth Con, “Argentina Politics After Nestor Kirchner” (Douglas Friedman)
Lua Eijsink, “Nonprofit Funding: an in depth study of the grant process” (Kendra Stewart)
Caroline Horres, “Political Liberalization in Jordan” (John Creed)
Alex Kirby, “Founding Fathers: Faith and Politics in 18th Century U.S.” (Erin McAdams)
Lukas Koncilia, “Exploring the Power of Community through Sustainability in Charleston” (Hollis France)
Tom Laffay, “Defining Sustainability through Film” (Brian Fisher)
Sadie Lefitz, “Model UN Chairperson” (Helen Delfeld)
Isaiah Nelson, “Political Power in Charleston” (George Hopkins)
Lucas Nelson, “Diplomatic Relations Between US & China, the Past Decade” (Guoli Liu)
Matt Prescott, “The legislative legacy of the Kennedy’s in the US Senate” (Tom Chorlton)
Tara Schiraldi, “Keep France French” (Helen Delfeld)
Nicol Spann, “Development and Well-being” (Justin Lance)
Mallen Urso, “Young Women and Political Leadership” (Lynne Ford)
Kenneth Watson, “The Rise of Technology in Modern Public Administration” (Arthur Felts)
Bachelor’s Essays

In 2010–2011, political science students enrolled in 16 Bachelor’s Essays.

Sanaz Arjomand
“Blogging and Political Participation in Iran”
Faculty Supervisor: Dr. John Creed and Dr. Kea Gorden

Jordan Blanton “Geography and Politics of Fisheries Management” started in Spring 2011 (Annette Watson)

Adam Brunelle
“U.S. Foreign Aid to the Middle East”
Faculty Supervisor: Dr. John Creed and Dr. Guoli Liu

Sarah Cawood
“Entertaining Angels: How Friendships in a Homeless Shelter Translate into Power”
Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Helen Delfeld

Morgan Cleary
“Barriers to Women’s Access to Local Politics: How Gender Stereotypes, Political Party Barriers, and a Lack of Elected Women Contribute to the Political Gender Gap”
Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Lynne Ford

Carly Clement
“Sex, Television and Society”
Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Claire Curtis

Elizabeth Connors (completed December 2010)
“Losing Humanity: Dystopia”
Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Claire Curtis

Shea Diaz
“Women and Collective Identity Construction in Brazil’s Landless Workers Movement”
Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Hollis France

Lua Eijsink
Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Helen Delfeld and Dr. Erin McAdmas

Heather McEntire (completed December 2010)
“Modern Civil War and International Obligation”
Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Helen Delfeld

Andrew Meggs
“Framing Domestic Terrorism: The Polarization of Internet Media Framing”
Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Kevin Keenan
**Annie Pease**
“When Machiavelli Meets the Good Samaritan: A Critical Understanding of Education Aid to the Middle East in the Post-9/11 Era”
Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Kea Gorden

**Kathryn Penry**
“Democracy in the Cuban Political System”
Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Douglas Friedman and Dr. Hollis France

**Justina Sparling**
“The Globalization of English: English as a Commodity”
Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Annette Watson

**Anne Wallice**
“Imagining the Congo”
Faculty Supervisor: Dr. John Creed and Dr. Annette Watson

**Robert Williams**
“Fundamental to Whom? Evolving Perceptions on Unenumerated Constitutional Rights”
Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Phil Jos

**Political Science Student, Sanaz Arjomand participates in the South Carolina Political Science Association Conference**

On Saturday, March 12, Political Science major and now recent graduate, Sanaz Arjomand, presented a paper entitled "Blogging and Political Participation in Iran" at the 2011 South Carolina Political Science Association Conference at Lander University. The Conference featured faculty, graduate students, and undergraduates from 23 different institutions. Sanaz says of her experience, "Presenting at the SCPSA was a great sneak-peak into the academic world, since I've considered a career in academia for a while. I had a chance to share my work with others and get feedback in a relaxed and collegial setting." Sanaz presented alongside her Bachelor's Essay advisor, Dr. John Creed, who provided her with support and did his best to calm her nerves before the presentation. Her attendance was made possible thanks in part to a SCPSA Travel Grant.

**Local Internships**

**Erin Blevins** serves as Internship Coordinator, developing and maintaining internship opportunities, advising students, and supporting the work of the faculty member teaching the internship seminar.

**Fall 2010 Internship Seminar**--Dr. Philip Jos

Morgan Cleary, Charleston County Public Defender's Office
Carly Clement, Charleston County Public Defender's Office
Elizabeth Connors, Politics Online
Caroline Dennis, Keep Charleston Beautiful
Brittany Graham, City of Charleston’s Mayor’s Office for Children, Youth and Families
Rachael Grider, Alan Wilson for Attorney General Campaign
Sarah Hutchinson, Communities in Schools
Alex Kirby, City of Charleston, Budgeting Office
Lucas Nelson, South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice
Spring 2011 Internship Seminar—Dr. Philip Jos

Jackson Benvenutti, SIB Development and Consulting
Caroline Dennis, Trident United way
Sarah Cawood, Crisis Ministries
Andrea DeSantis, Keep Charleston Beautiful
Austin Garland, U.S. Senator Jim DeMint (Charleston office)
Kristin Heally, South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice
Caroline Horres, Motley Rice, LLC
Davis Jenkins, Charleston County Public Defender’s Office
Gerald Leverich, Juvenile Arbitration Program, 9th Circuit Solicitor’s Office
Tavner Myers, Lowcountry Local First
Emily Nellermoe, South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice
Jennifer Testi, NEFA Foundation

Summer 2011—SURF Grant: Lynne Ford and Mallen Urso.

“Where are the Women?: South Carolina Voters, Female Candidates, and Quality of Representation”

Project Abstract: This project examines voter behavior, voter attitudes, and the experiences of the sixteen elected women serving in the SC house to determine whether SC voters differ significantly from those in other states in their attitudes and behaviors regarding electing women to the legislature.

Internationalization and Study Away

In 2010-2011, 33 declared political science majors studied abroad in 20 different countries. The department strongly encourages study abroad participation through advising and with panels of returning students discussing their experiences with prospective study abroad candidates.

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Study Abroad: China

Participants in the College of Charleston China program visited Shanghai, Suzhou, Hangzhou, Yiwu, Chengdu, and Beijing in June 2011. In addition to the study tours linked to POLS 339 “China and the U.S.” students enjoyed lectures in Chinese politics, business, culture, history, Taichi, and calligraphy at Southwest Jiaotong University. They also engaged in active exchanges with students and faculty members at the School of International Studies at Peking University, and the School of Public Policy and Management at Tsinghua University.

Study Abroad: Morocco

"From May 14 to June 4 ten students explored the history, politics, culture and natural environment of the Kingdom of Morocco in North Africa. This 8th annual program coincided this year with the 'Arab Spring' and therefore provided for a focus on the theme of democratic political change in the Kingdom allowing CofC students to have a first-hand experience of peaceful change in a relatively progressive Moslem country. Based in Tangier, the program included a nine day trip through all the major natural and historical environments of the Kingdom including the Strait of Gibraltar, the Rif and Atlas Mountains, the Sahara Desert, Atlantic Coast and the cities of Fez and Marrakech among others. The program ended in Tangier that also included a day-trip to Tarifa, Spain where the history of the Moorish Empire dating back to the 8th century can be seen. Students could earn three hours of credit in comparative politics and combine that with a course of literature in translation or French."

Study Abroad: Cambodia/Vietnam

The second annual student-learning trip to Cambodia and Vietnam was a tremendous success. From five students the first year, the trip grew to nine students in 2011. Students visited four major sites. First, they examined the unique political atmosphere created by NGO-led social governance in Phnom Penh, where governmental incapacity leaves virtually all social provision to non-governmental actors. Then they visited the world-famous Angkor Wat, and studied the political effects of tourism – meaning rich people –amongst poor people. To examine political contrasts in this part of the world, the group then traveled to Hanoi, in Vietnam, to study the contrast between “democratic” but deeply dysfunctional Cambodia and “autocratic”
but very effective Vietnam. Finally, the group wrapped up the trip by visiting indigenous communities in the mountainous border regions. These people typically reject identification as Vietnamese, and are deeply suspicious of the Vietnamese government, unlike ethnic Vietnamese. Homestays in Hmong villages helped deepen the experience of governance without a state.

The Geography Minor

Eleven political science majors were declared geography minors over this academic year, with one student graduating in spring 2011. The core geography skill-building course, Reading the Lowcountry Landscape (GEOG219) was offered in spring 2011. Twenty four students immersed themselves in fieldwork, exploring the cultural geographies of Charleston and environs. Geography faculty also taught the following minor courses: Environmental Geography, Urbanization and Urban Geography, Political Geography, Geography and Politics of the European Union, and Word Regional Geography. Other political science courses that were offered that counted toward the minor included: Chinese Politics, Politics of Latin America, Politics of Southeast Asia, Politics of Africa, Politics of the Middle East, and Capstone – Food. Geography faculty supervised two bachelor's essay projects and one independent study. In January Dr. Deb Martin, Associate Professor of Geography at Clark University, presented this year’s Geography lecture “Making law, making place: Group Home Siting Conflicts in Worcester, Massachusetts”. Over the fall semester, geography faculty curated an exhibition of the work of Brazilian landscape photographer Pedro Lobo at the City Gallery at Waterfront Park, presenting students with the opportunity to study the urban geography of Rio de Janeiro’s favelas. Approval of courses on Spain and the European Union to be offered in Trujillo, Spain, during fall 2011, will allow students of geography to explore Europe and Spain.

Graduate Programs

MPA Program Summary of Accomplishments 2010-11

The Master of Public Administration program at the College of Charleston is offered jointly with the University of South Carolina. This past year we had the largest incoming class thus far. Twenty-eight students began this fall and an additional six in the spring. This year we also initiated the process of becoming a stand-alone, accredited program. A new MPA director was hired and another new faculty line was given to the program. Last year MPA program reinvigorated its Advisory Board and this year we held meetings each semester with active attendance. In addition to program guidance, advice and mentoring,
board members contributed approximately $1,000 to the MPA foundation. Finally, students and faculty were active in presenting their research and attending local, state and regional conferences.

**Summary of Accomplishments**

- Enrollments have increased from 122 in spring 2008 to 167 in spring 2011.
- Four students and one alumna presented research at a peer-reviewed regional Public Administration conference (Southeastern Conference of Public Administration)
- The program graduated 20 students this year
- Thirteen students were inducted into our national honor society – Pi Alpha Alpha
- The MPA program celebrated its 30th Anniversary at Mt. Pleasant Waterfront Park with almost 100 students and alumni dropping in
- Three students attended the South Carolina City/County Management Association Meeting
- Two students and faculty member attended the Urban Land Institutes Sustainability workshop for South Carolina government leaders
- **Sean Hughes**, a spring graduate, received the prestigious Climate Change Fellowship funded by the US State Department
- Alumna **Tasha Tucker** was awarded a nonprofit fellowship to study in New York city for one year.
- The Community Assistance Program provided much needed services to the following organizations:
  - Yo Art
  - The Town of Kiawah
  - USS Yorktown Reunion
  - The Children’s Museum of the Lowcountry
  - Mettanoia Community Development Corporation
  - 9th Circuit Solicitor’s Office

**2010-2011 MPA Student Association Events:**

**Professional Development:**

- Financial Planning Issues
  - **Bonnie A. Hughes** from American Capital Planning provided a workshop for students on financial issues from student loans to retirement planning
- Nonprofit Workshop
  - Two faculty from Marist College generously donated their time and energy to design and deliver a workshop on nonprofit management
- SPSS Statistical Package Training
  - **Dr. Erin McAdams** from the Political Science Department trained MPA students on how to collect and manage data in a popular statistical program
- Blackbaud Software Training
  - Thanks to a few MPA alums currently working at Blackbaud, the MPASA was able to obtain an afternoon “crash course” on the company’s nonprofit fundraising software from an actual Blackbaud Trainer.

**Service Projects** Students in the MPA program participated in service projects this year for the following organizations:

- Lowcountry Environmental Educational Program (LEEP) Fundraising oyster roast
- Folly Beach clean up
- Lowcountry Orphan Relief holiday project
- Mary Ford Elementary
- Habitat for Humanity
MES Program Summary of Accomplishments

The MES Program expanded both interdisciplinary and internationalization/globalization contributions this year through two new initiatives. The Master of Science in Environmental Studies and Master of Public Administration Dual Degree Program enables students to take advantage of interdisciplinary offerings in the MES and MPA Programs by earning both degrees within three years. The implementation of the Peace Corps Masters International (PCMI) will allow selected MES students to complete Peace Corps missions around the world while earning their degrees.

MES students received nineteen travel funding awards this year, both from the MES Program and from Graduate Research and Presentation Grants provided by the Graduate School Office, to attend conferences and to make research trips. Eight students had their work featured at the College of Charleston’s Graduate Research Poster Session, where second-year student Anne Cubeta (advisor: Joel Gramling) won a Graduate Research Poster Award. Six students received Graduate Assistantships for Student Research, based on the exceptional merit of their research proposals, as reviewed by experts in the field.

Other student accomplishments include a South Carolina Sea Grant NERR Fellowship awarded to Jennifer Hein (advisor: Isaure de Buron), a NOAA Coastal Management Fellowship awarded to second-year student Sarah Latshaw (advisor: Paul Nolan), and a NERRS Graduate Research Fellowship awarded through NOAA to Jarrod Loerzel (advisor: Susan Lovelace).

Ninety-one students were enrolled and/or worked on internship and thesis projects during the year. Twenty-one students started the MES Program in the fall and three students started in the spring, with out-of-state students making up 50% of the total. Students enrolled in 21 courses in the fall and 17 courses in the spring (excluding Independent Study, Internship, and Thesis hours).

Twenty-one students graduated from the MES Program this year, including seven students in the summer, six in December, and eight in May. MES graduates produced an impressive variety of theses and internship reports, with MES faculty directing a total of thirteen theses and eight internship projects to completion. Carrie Hendrix received the MES Outstanding Graduate Student award in the fall, and Tessa Henson received the award in the spring. Lindsey Graham and Jennifer Jones received the tenth annual Dana Beach Outstanding Service Award.

The MES Program and the MES Student Association organized a number of activities throughout the year. Students, faculty, and alumni were brought together for the annual Oyster Roast in December and a Spring Fling in April. MESSA continued its focus on community service, sponsoring events such as the ninth annual MESSA 8K for H2O which raised a record $6,500 for Charleston Waterkeeper. In addition, the students participated in the Charleston Earth Day Festival at Park Circle and the Keep Charleston Beautiful ‘Green and Lean’ 5K. MESSA also sponsored Adopt-A-Highway, volunteered for the SC Oyster Restoration and Enhancement Program, and took part in the SCDNR Beach Sweep, among other activities.

Curricular changes approved during the year have removed EVSS 680 Case Studies (4 hrs) as a core course, will decrease the total number of required credit hours to 37 (from 41), and will change the core courses by adding one hour to EVSS 646 Core Seminar and by adding a new core course: EVSS 632 Social Science Methods (3 hrs). Six faculty members received research and development support through the Joanna MES Faculty Research Fund.
Overseeing the MES program leadership, the MES Steering Committee consisted of Mitchell Colgan (Geology), Jon Hakkila (Physics), Jaap Hillenius (Biology), Phil Jos (Political Science), Robert Mignone (Mathematics), and Timothy J. Callahan (Director, MES Program).

VII. The Alumni

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Laura Addis (2005), Web Design Consultant for Sustainability Institute in Charleston.

Kim Anderson (2010), is attending George Washington University’s Elliott School of International Affairs.

Iona Arsova (2007), Production coordinator at Boeing Company.


J. Rhodes Bailey (2003), Trial Lawyer at Richland county Public Defender’s office, JD from the University of South Carolina.

Brian Beckley (1998), Director of Programs and College Counseling, i know i can in Columbus, Ohio.

Kenneth Berger (2004), Associate Attorney with Lourie Law Firm in Columbia, SC.

Erin (Kenneally) Blevins (1994), Administrative Coordinator, Dept of Political Science, College of Charleston.

Casey Brazell (2007), Living in Boston, MA and working towards his PhD from Harvard University in American Civilization/American History.


Debbie Carrothers (1994), Southeast Regional Manager for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Atlanta, GA.

Olga Chajewski (2003), Pathology resident at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, MA. Graduated from MUSC College of Medicine in 2007.
Stefanie Christensen (2008), working in the media department at Politico.com in D.C.

Josh Cockrell (2007), Campaign Coordinator at St. Vincent’s HealthCare Foundation

David Collins (1982), Attorney with Buist Moore Smythe McGee P.A. He was selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2011 edition.

Colleen Condon (1992), Charleston County Councilmember; Attorney, Condon Law Firm, LLC.

Melissa Corradetti (1998), Cryptanalyst for the FBI, working on drug records analysis.

Bryan Cordell (2003), Executive Director, Sustainability Institute, North Charleston.

Laura Rutherford Crisp (1999) earned a PhD from the University of Tennessee in December 2010.


Jessica Crowson (1997), Associate Attorney at Pennington Law Firm in Columbia, SC practicing wireless telecommunications law. Graduate of Vanderbilt University School of Law (2000); member of the state bar of Florida and of South Carolina; former Law Clerk to Chief Judge Kaye Hearn, South Carolina Court of Appeals; former Assistant State Attorney, Fourth Circuit, Florida.

Brendan Davis (2002), Political Affairs Manager for the ambulatory Surgery Center Association.


Annie Dupre (2010), living and working in Billings, Montana with Americorps doing conservation and trail work in the mountains and plains.


Jared Esselman (2009), graduated from Harvard Kennedy School of Government with a Masters in Public Policy in May 2011.


Joe Ferrara, Ph.D. (1982), Associate Dean at Georgetown Public Policy Institute at Georgetown University

Phillip Ferderigos (1996), Attorney in Charleston for Barnwell Whaley Patterson and Helms.
Charles T. Ferillo (1972), Director, Initiative for South Carolina’s Future, State Coordinator, Petition for High Quality Education. President of Ferillo & Associations, a public relations and advertising firm in Columbia, SC. Recipient of the 2010 College of Charleston Distinguished Alumni Award.

Robin Franco (2003), Attorney at Balch & Bingham, LLP in Birmingham Alabama.

Kenny Gardner (2008), graduated from Charleston School of Law Spring 2011.

Will Glascock (2004), Director, Government Relations for the Association for Public Television Stations; Masters in Political Management from GWU; formerly with Rep. Ken Lucas as Legislative Assistant; previously Clooney for Congress - GOTV Assistant; and Representative Ben Chandler - Legislative Assistant (Ag Committee work).

Beverly Grainger, (2008), is pursuing a Master's of Arts in Urban Affairs at Norfolk State University; graduation expected in 2012.

Alicia Scherini Hall (2004), Associate in the Advocacy Department, focusing on general commercial litigation at the Jackson, Mississippi office of Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC. Graduated from Mississippi College School of Law 2010.

Morgan Harrell (2003), is a project manager for readySC. Her service area includes Trident Technical College and Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College.

Sarah Harvey (2008), is a primary school teacher at a public school that is part of a public-private partnership between the international school and the Kurdish Regional Government Ministry of Education in Iraqi Kurdistan.

Marianne Heis, 2006, is the administrative director at Palmetto Initiative in Charleston and is a graduate student in the College of Charleston’s MPA program.

Courtney Hereford, (2009) is in the Peace Corps serving as an environmental educator in San Vicente, El Salvador.

Tamnie Hoy (1996), Community Development Manager, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond in Charlotte, NC. She is responsible for community economic development outreach and education for North and South Carolina on behalf of the Community Affairs Office. Formerly the Executive Director, Lowcountry Housing Trust in Charleston, SC.


Catherine LaFond (1993), Attorney at LaFond and LaFond, LLC in Charleston, SC.

Laura Moore Lamminen (1997), completed requirements to be a licensed psychologist in the state of Michigan.


Anne McPhee (2002), Associate with Snyder & Snyder, PA in Florida.  J.D. from Law School at Nova Southeastern University in Florida and LL.M. in Estate Planning at the University of Miami.

Patrice Meredith (2009), Attending University of Baltimore Law School.

Karen Moldovan (2001), Program Manager for the Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault in Denver. She had been in the Peace Corp in Tonga until June 2009.


Bill Mullen (1973), is a training consultant for Dale Carnegie Training of SC LLC.

Charles Murchison (2009), attending Yale School of Public Health since September 2010.

Billie Jean Murray (2000), holds a tenure-track position at Villanova University.  Position is focused on Rhetoric and social Justice.  Billie earned a PhD in Communication from the UNC – Chapel Hill in 2010.

Sarah Neely (2005), graduated from Elon Law School.

John Oral (2003), Fulbright Program Officer with AMIDEAST in Lebanon. Completed Masters in International Affairs at American University.

Margaret Pilarski (2007), National and Charleston Editor at skirt! magazine.

Phil Paradise (2008), graduated from Charleston School of Law May 2011.

Mitchell Ray (1993), Agent-In-Charge of the Charleston County Probation and Parole Offices, supervising 30 employees who are responsible for monitoring over 3,000 criminal offenders in Charleston County.

Michael E. Roberts (1973), Executive Vice President, Reliance Trust Company

Lee Rogers (2008), pursuing a PhD in political science at UCLA.

M. Abby (Edwards) Saunders (1994), Associate Dean of Students and Assistant Director of Externship program at the Charleston School of Law; UNC Chapel Hill, 1999.

Leah (Still) Schonfeld (2004), Employment, Classification and Compensation Manager for the Citadel.

Carmen Scott (1996), helps lead Motley Rice’s Medical practice group, managing personal injury and economic recovery cases on behalf of victims of medical negligence, harmful prescription drugs or misconduct.

Kate Tiller (2007), Graduated from the MPA program at the College of Charleston in May 2010. Academic Advisor for Student Athletes for the College of Charleston.

Kristen Thompson (2009), was a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship and studied at the University of Cape Town in Political Studies Graduate Program in South Africa for two years until December 2010. She also worked with the local Rotary clubs to implement service projects.

Helen Van Wagoner (2007), Political Officer in the U.S. Foreign Service. Currently on a one year domestic assignment in the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs and will head to the U.S. consulate in Turkey in 2012. She earned MA in the International Politics program from the London School of Economics.

Flo Vinson (1982), Practices law in Florence, SC with Folkens Law Firm and is the immediate Past President of the SC State Bar.

Stephanie Leonard Yarbrough (1995), Special Counsel with Nexsen Pruet’s Banking & Finance Group in Charleston, SC. Member of the team responsible for procuring incentives for the Boeing Company.
APPENDIX I

BUDGET SUMMARY

2011 Political Science Expenditures

- Research and conference support: 34%
- Office supplies: 14%
- Phone/Copier: 16%
- Personnel: 32%
- Events/student awards and travel: 4%